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By House Consumer Protection & Business (originally sponsored by Representatives Kirby, Vick, and Reeves)

1 AN ACT Relating to architect registration; amending RCW
2 18.08.310, 18.08.350, and 18.08.360; and reenacting and amending RCW
3 18.08.320.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.08.310 and 2010 c 129 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) It is unlawful for any person to practice or offer to
8 practice architecture in this state, or to use in connection with his
9 or her name or otherwise assume, use, or advertise any title or
10 description including the word "architect," "architecture,"
11 "architectural," or language tending to imply that he or she is an
12 architect, unless the person is registered or authorized to practice
13 in the state of Washington under this chapter.

14 (2) An architect or architectural firm registered in any other
15 jurisdiction recognized by the board may offer to practice
16 architecture in this state if:

17 (a) It is clearly and prominently stated in such an offer that
18 the architect or firm is not registered to practice architecture in
19 the state of Washington; and

1 (b) Prior to practicing architecture or signing a contract to
2 provide architectural services, the architect or firm must be
3 registered to practice architecture in this state.

4 (3) A person who has an accredited architectural degree may use
5 the title "~~((intern—architect))~~ architectural associate" when
6 enrolled in a structured ~~((intern))~~ training program recognized by
7 the board and working under the direct supervision of an architect.

8 (4) The provisions of this section shall not affect the use of
9 the words "architect," "architecture," or "architectural" where a
10 person does not practice or offer to practice architecture.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.08.320 and 2010 c 129 s 2 are each reenacted and
12 amended to read as follows:

13 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
14 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

15 (1) "Accredited architectural degree" means a professional degree
16 from an institution of higher education accredited by the national
17 architectural accreditation board or an equivalent degree in
18 architecture as determined by the board.

19 (2) "Administration of the construction contract" means the
20 periodic observation of materials and work to observe the general
21 compliance with the construction contract documents, and does not
22 include responsibility for supervising construction methods and
23 processes, site conditions, equipment operations, personnel, or
24 safety on the work site.

25 (3) "Architect" means an individual who is registered under this
26 chapter to practice architecture.

27 (4) "Board" means the state board for architects.

28 (5) "Certificate of authorization" means a certificate issued by
29 the director to a business entity that authorizes the entity to
30 practice architecture.

31 (6) "Certificate of registration" means the certificate issued by
32 the director to newly registered architects.

33 (7) "Department" means the department of licensing.

34 (8) "Director" means the director of licensing.

35 (9) "Engineer" means an individual who is registered as an
36 engineer under chapter 18.43 RCW.

37 (10) "Managers" means the members of a limited liability company
38 in which management of its business is vested in the members, and the

1 managers of a limited liability company in which management of its
2 business is vested in one or more managers.

3 (11) "Person" means any individual, partnership, professional
4 service corporation, corporation, joint stock association, joint
5 venture, or any other entity authorized to do business in the state.

6 (12) "Practice of architecture" means the rendering of any
7 service((s)) or related work requiring architectural education,
8 training, and experience, in connection with the art and science of
9 building design for construction of any structure or grouping of
10 structures and the use of space within and surrounding the structures
11 or the design for construction of alterations or additions to the
12 structures, including but not specifically limited to predesign
13 services, schematic design, design development, preparation of
14 construction contract documents, and administration of the
15 construction contract.

16 (13) "Prototypical documents" means drawings or specifications,
17 prepared by a person registered as an architect in any state or as
18 otherwise approved by the board, that are not intended as final and
19 complete technical submissions for a building project, but rather are
20 to serve as a prototype for a building or buildings to be adapted by
21 an architect for construction in more than one location.

22 (14) "Registered" means holding a currently valid certificate of
23 registration or certificate of authorization issued by the director
24 authorizing the practice of architecture.

25 (15) "Registered professional design firm" means a business
26 entity registered in Washington to offer and provide architectural
27 services under RCW 18.08.420.

28 (16) "Review" means a process of examination and evaluation, of
29 the documents, for compliance with applicable laws, codes, and
30 regulations affecting the built environment that includes the ability
31 to control the final product.

32 (17) "Structure" means any construction consisting of load-
33 bearing members such as the foundation, roof, floors, walls, columns,
34 girders, and beams or a combination of any number of these parts,
35 with or without other parts or appurtenances.

36 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.08.350 and 2010 c 129 s 5 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

38 (1) A certificate of registration shall be granted by the
39 director to all qualified applicants who are certified by the board

1 as having passed the required examination and as having given
2 satisfactory proof of completion of the required experience.

3 (2) Applications for examination shall be filed as the board
4 prescribes by rule. The application and examination fees shall be
5 determined by the director under RCW 43.24.086.

6 (3) An applicant for registration as an architect shall be of a
7 good moral character, at least eighteen years of age, and shall
8 possess one of the following qualifications:

9 (a) Have an accredited architectural degree and (~~at least three~~
10 ~~years' practical architectural work experience in~~) complete a
11 structured (~~intern~~) training program approved by the board; or

12 (b) Have a high school diploma or equivalent and at least
13 (~~nine~~) eight years of practical architectural work experience,
14 including the completion of a structured (~~intern~~) training program
15 under the direct supervision of an architect as determined by the
16 board. (~~Prior to applying to enroll in a structured intern training~~
17 ~~program, the applicant must have at least six years of work~~
18 ~~experience, of which~~) At least three of the years of required
19 experience outside of the structured training program must be under
20 the direct supervision of an architect. This work experience may
21 include designing buildings as a principal activity and postsecondary
22 education as determined by the board. The board may approve up to
23 four years of practical architectural work experience for
24 postsecondary education courses in architecture, architectural
25 technology, or a related field, as determined by the board, including
26 courses completed in a community or technical college if the courses
27 are equivalent to courses in an accredited architectural degree
28 program.

29 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.08.360 and 2010 c 129 s 6 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 (1) The examination for an architect's certificate of
32 registration shall be held at least annually at such time and place
33 as the board determines.

34 (2) The board shall determine the content, scope, and grading
35 process of the examination. The board may adopt an appropriate
36 national examination and grading procedure.

37 (3) Applicants who fail to pass any section of the examination
38 shall be permitted to retake the parts failed as prescribed by the
39 board. Applicants have five years from the date of the first passed

1 examination section to pass all remaining sections. If the entire
2 examination is not successfully completed within five years, any
3 sections that were passed more than five years prior must be retaken.
4 If a candidate fails to pass all remaining sections within the
5 initial five-year period, the candidate is given a new five-year
6 period from the date of the second oldest passed section. All
7 sections of the examination must be passed within a single five-year
8 period for the applicant to be deemed to have passed the complete
9 examination.

10 (4) Applicants for registration (~~who have an accredited~~
11 ~~architectural degree~~) may begin taking the examination upon
12 enrollment in a structured (~~intern~~) training program as approved by
13 the board. (~~Applicants who do not possess an accredited~~
14 ~~architectural degree may take the examination only after completing~~
15 ~~the experience and intern training requirements of this chapter.~~)

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